ECCLESIASTICUS

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37:1 Every friend sayeth, I am his friend also: but there is a friend which is only a friend in name.
37:2 Is it not a grief unto death, when

a companion and
friend is turned
to an enemy?

37:3 O wicked
imagination,
whence camest
thou in to cover the
earth with deceit?

37:4 There is a
companion, which

rejoiceth in the prosperity of a friend: but in the time of trouble will be against him.

37:5 There is a companion which helpeth his friend for the belly, and taketh up the buckler against the enemy.

37:6 Forget not thy friend in thy mind, and be not unmindful of him in thy riches.
37:7 Every counselor extoleth counsel; but there is some that counseleth for himself.
37:8 Beware of a

counselor, and know before what need he hath (for he will counsel for himself) lest he cast the lot upon thee:

37:9 And say unto thee, Thy way is good: and afterward he stand on the other side, to see what shall

befall thee.

37:10 Consult not with one that suspecteth thee: and hide thy counsel from such as envy thee.

37:11 Neither consult with a woman touching her of whom she is jealous; neither with a coward in

matters of war, nor with a merchant concerning exchange; nor with a buyer of selling; nor with an envious man of thankfulness; nor with an unmerciful man touching kindness; nor with the slouthful for

any work; nor with
an hireling for a year,
of finishing work;
nor with an idle
servant of much
business: Hearken
not unto these
in any matter
of counsel.

37:12 But be
continually with a

godly man, whom thou knowest to keep the commandments of the Lord, whose mind is according to thy mind, and will sorrow with thee, if thou shalt miscarry.

37:13 And let the counsel of thine own

heart stand:
for there is no man
more faithful unto
thee than it.
37:14 For a man's
mind is sometime
wont to tell him
more than seven
watchmen, that
sit above in an
high tower.

37:15 And above all this pray to the most high, that he will direct thy way in truth.

37:16 Let reason go before every enterprise, and counsel before every action.

37:17 The countenance

is a sign of changing of the heart.

37:18 Four manner of things appear: good and evil, life and death: but the tongue ruleth over them continually.

37:19 There is one that is wise and teacheth many,

and yet is
unprofitable
to himself.

37:20 There is one
that sheweth
wisdom in words,
and is hated:
he shall be
destitute of
all food.

37:21 For grace

is not
given him
from the Lord:
because he is
deprived of all
wisdom.

37:22 Another is
wise to himself:
and the fruits of
understanding
are commendable

in his mouth.

37:23 A wise man instructeth his people, and the fruits of his understanding fail not.

37:24 A wise man shall be filled with blessing, and all they that see him, shall

count him happy.

37:25 The days of the life of man may be numbered: but the days of Israel are innumerable.

37:26 A wise man shall inherit glory among his people, and his name shall be perpetual.

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37:27 My son prove thy soul in thy life, and see what is evil for it, and give not that unto it.
37:28 For all things are not profitable for all men, neither hath every soul pleasure in every thing.

37:29 Be not insatiable in any dainty thing: nor too greedy upon meats.
37:30 For excess of meats, bringeth sickness, and surfeiting will turn into choler.
37:31 By surfeiting

have many perished, but he that taketh heed, prolongeth his life.